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Mr. John Calvert, Supervisory Primary Examiner
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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/936,275, entitled "Clothes Hanger"
Attorney Docket No. 115-011459

Dear Mr. Calvert:

We thank you again for conducting an impromptu interview on October 16, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application. As you will recall, in that interview we discussed the novel aspects of the present invention and the distinguishing features over the prior art cited in the previous Office Action. At that time you indicated that the claim set should be modified to better define the present invention in view of the prior art, in that the divergently extending angles of the threads, which is illustrated in the figures of the present invention and is typical of a hanger orientation, should be explicitly set forth in the independent claims of the present application, especially in view of the Lin patent.

Accordingly, please find attached a modified claim set including claims that correspond to the above arguments and structural definitions. We believe that it will be much easier to cancel the present set of claims and add new claims that find full support in the specification, and therefore, please find attached proposed new claims 32-51, with claims 32-43 directed to a hook for a hanger and claims 44-51 directed to a clothes hanger. We hope that the attached set of claims will meet with your approval.

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After you have had a chance to review the proposed set of claims, please let us know how we should proceed in this matter. Of course, we are prepared to submit a Supplemental Amendment canceling the previous set of claims and adding the proposed set of claims as set forth herein. Alternatively, if you think it would be easier to accomplish this via an Examiner's Amendment, please advise. In any case, we look forward to receiving your reaction to and approval of the proposed claim set.

You may call Nate Prepelka or me.

Very truly yours,



William H. Logsdon

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32. A hook for a hanger, comprising a fastening part including a plurality of recesses positioned therein, wherein at least one of the plurality of recesses includes threads therein, wherein the hook extends along a vertical axis, thereby defining a horizontal axis disposed at a 90 degree angle therefrom and wherein the recesses extend at an angle divergent from the horizontal axis and the threads are configured to receive corresponding threads on a beverage bottle container.

33. The hook of claim 32, wherein the threads of the recess are formed directly on an interior portion of the recess of the fastening part.

34. The hook of claim 32, wherein the threads of the recess are formed by threads of a cap of a beverage bottle container fastened within the recess.

35. The hook of claim 34, wherein the cap is fastened within the recess by locking the cap within the recess.

36. The hook of claim 34, wherein the cap is fastened within the recess by latching the cap within the recess.

37. The hook of claim 34, wherein the cap is fastened within the recess by adhering the cap within the recess.

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38. The hook of claim 34, wherein the cap is fastened within the recess by welding the cap in the recess.

39. The hook of claim 32, further comprising a beverage bottle container detachably fastened to the fastening part of the hook.

40. The hook of claim 39, wherein the beverage bottle container is plastic.

41. The hook of claim 32, wherein the fastening part is located on a lower end of the hook.

42. The hook of claim 32, wherein the hook is manufactured in the form of a plastic injection molded part.

43. The hook of claim 32, wherein at least a portion of the hook is manufactured from at least one of wood and wire.

44. A clothes hanger, comprising a hook and two arms projecting from the hook, wherein the arms are each formed by a beverage bottle container having a threaded mouth, the hook extending along a vertical axis, thereby defining a horizontal axis disposed 90 degrees therefrom, and the hook comprising a fastening part including a plurality of recesses positioned therein, wherein at least one of the plurality of recesses includes threads therein, wherein the

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recesses extend at an angle divergent from the horizontal axis and the threads are configured to receive the threaded mouth of the beverage bottle container.

45. The hook of claim 44, wherein the threads of the recess are formed directly on an interior portion of the recess of the fastening part.

46. The hook of claim 44, wherein the threads of the recess are formed by threads of a cap of a beverage bottle container fastened within the recess.

47. The hook of claim 46, wherein the cap is fastened within the recess by at least one of (i) locking the cap within the recess; (ii) latching the cap within the recess; (iii) adhering the cap within the recess; and (iv) welding the cap in the recess.

48. The hook of claim 44, wherein the beverage bottle container is detachably fastened to the fastening part of the hook.

49. The hook of claim 44, wherein the beverage bottle containers are plastic.

50. The hook of claim 44, wherein the hook is manufactured in the form of a plastic injection molded part.

51. The hook of claim 44, wherein at least a portion of the hook is manufactured from at least one of wood and wire.

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